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DEPARTMENT PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SO, ET, GW, PGOV  
SUBJECT: OGADEN INITIATIVE

REF: STATE 254201

1. DURING CALL OCTOBER 25 BY DR. BRZEZINSKI ON FOREIGN  
MINISTER GENSCHER, AND AFTER BRZEZINSKI HAD PRAISED  
ACTION BY FRG IN FREEING HOSTAGES IN MOGADISCIO,  
GENSCHER REFERRED TO PROPOSALS FOR INITIATIVE  
CONCERNING OGADEN. HE SAID HE HAD TOLD UK FOREIGN  
MINISTER OWEN WHEN LATTER WAS IN BONN LAST WEEK THAT,  
AFTER WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED IN MOGADISCIO,

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FRG FELT IT WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD IF FRG IS "RESERVED"  
ON A QUESTION OF INITIATIVE REGARDING OGADEN.

2. GENSCHER SAID ANY ACTIVITY REGARDING OGADEN  
PROBLEM IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER WOULD BE SEEN AS  
DETRIMENTAL TO SOMALIA. FRG DID NOT WISH TO GIVE  
IMPRESSION TO SOMALIA THAT THIS WAS FRG REACTION TO

WHAT HAD OCCURRED IN MOGADISCIO. GENSCHER REPEATED THAT FRG MUST PROCEED CAREFULLY; PEACE IS IMPORTANT, BUT WE MUST SEE HOW BEST TO ACCOMPLISH IT.

3. BRZEZINSKI SAID HE APPRECIATED SENSITIVITIES OF SITUATION, BUT IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT TIDE MAY TURN SOON IN OGADEN IN FAVOR OF ETHIOPIA. IF SOVIETS POUR IN ARMS AND ETHIOPIANS CAN ORGANIZE THEMSELVES, MATTERS COULD TURN AGAINST SOMALIA. THEREFORE, IN LONG TERM, SOMALIA SHOULD SEE THAT INITIATIVE LOOKING TO A RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT WOULD BE IN THEIR LONG-TERM INTEREST.

4. GENSCHER COMMENTED THAT HE HAD INDICATED THE FRG DID NOT WISH TO BE OPENLY ACTIVE ON THE MATTER, BUT THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT FRG WOULD NECESSARILY OPPOSE AN INITIATIVE. HE AGREED WITH BRZEZINSKI COMMENT ABOUT SOMALIA'S LONG-TERM INTEREST AND SAID THAT THIS INTEREST, AS WELL AS THE INTERESTS OF THE WEST, HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN CHANGED BECAUSE OF THE EVENTS IN MOGADISCIO. HE REPEATED THAT THE FRG WISHED TO PROCEED WITH GREAT CAUTION.

5. EMBASSY WILL BE FOLLOWING UP WITH WORKING-LEVEL IN FOREIGN OFFICE ALONG LINES REFTEL AND WILL REPORT.

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